

I hope this February update finds you all well! I'm enjoying some spring like weather, and I have total spring fever. Bring on the green grass and springtime rains! Springtime is an exciting time of year in our field with the upcoming Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference in March and the MAFCS Annual Conference in April; I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at those two events!

I wanted to share that the process to review and update the Family & Consumer Sciences National Standards is officially underway! The National Association of State Administrators of Family & Consumer Sciences (NASAFACS) has embarked on the National Standards 3.0 Project. We anticipate this project to run from now until next summer and anticipate rolling out the updated version in the summer of 2017. As educators, you will have the chance to be involved electronically by participating in surveys sent out via email during the process. I will keep you posted along the way. This has postponed some of the anticipated Montana FCS Framework project, so stay tuned for the plans with that project as well.

Montana FCS/FCCLA In the News!

- Billings Gazette: [In Bridger, students help other students](#)
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle: [MSU faculty welcomes hospitality degree](#)
- Bozeman Daily Chronicle Opinion: [Hospitality degree makes sense for MSU, state](#)
- The Valerian: [FCCLA members gear up for State Leadership Conference](#)
- The Valley Journal: [Sweet Treats Bring in More Dough](#)

FCS Job Openings around Montana

'Tis the season for FCS job announcements around the state! Mind you, this is my LEAST favorite season of the year. I'll keep you all posted the best I can as they are announced. If a job is only posted locally, then I might not know about it. Please keep me informed if a position becomes open in your area, so I can spread the word! Here's what is currently posted on the OPI website.

- Bigfork HS - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/CE74F2F7-3B9ACA00-036C93F7>
 - Full-time; open due to retirement
- Fergus HS - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/AD369CC3-3B9ACA00-036C8DBC>
 - Full-time; active FCCLA chapter; open due to retirement from FCS and reassignment to counseling
- Havre HS - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/C7E2B1EB-3B9ACA00-036C6D04>
 - Full-time; active FCCLA chapter; due to retirement
- Hobson HS - <http://metnet.mt.gov/TPlacement/AF4F674A-3B9ACA00-036B11C4>
 - Part-time unless certified in Health Enhancement; open due to retirement from a few years ago – they keep searching!

I know there are more openings 'coming down the pike' this year . . . stay tuned and start praying for applicants! These positions might be filled by someone with a current FCS license (23S FCS), a Career & Technical Culinary Arts License (23S CA, [Class 4](#)), or by someone willing to add the FCS endorsement to their existing teaching license ([OPI Internship Program](#)).

Montana Financial Education Coalition Conference

The 2016 Montana Financial Education Coalition (MFEC) Annual Conference is February 24 at the Red Lion Colonial Inn in Helena, MT. This year's theme is "Financial Education is Consumer Protection." Registration is FREE for K-12 educators, and we are accepting late registrations if anyone else would like to attend! For more information and to register, please visit:

<http://www.mtfec.org/2016-mfec-conference/>. 7 OPI Renewal Units will be available.

Perhaps I will see you there!

February is CTE Month!

CTE Month® is a public awareness campaign ACTE holds each February to celebrate Career and Technical Education and the achievements and accomplishments of CTE programs across the country. CTE Month 2016, with its theme of "Opportunities for Career Success", gives you the chance to tell stories of leadership and excellence from your local CTE programs and raise awareness of the crucial role that CTE plays in readying our students for careers and our nation for economic success. Go to <http://www.acteonline.org/ctemonth> for more information on how you can get involved.

"From Life Skills to Career Paths, The Evolution of Home Economics" News Article

The following excerpt was included in the daily CareerTech Update email sent to thousands a few days ago:

How family, consumer science prepares students for college, career

In the family and consumer science classes offered by Milwaukee Public Schools, classes simulate real-world environments and students develop teamwork, project management, critical thinking and other skills. At Greendale High School in Greendale, Wis., students prepare meals and cater events in their family and consumer science classes. <http://wuwm.com/post/life-skills-career-paths-evolution-home-economics#stream/0>

News articles about Family and Consumer Sciences are a great bridge for the public, our stakeholders. They support them seeing how formerly Home Economics courses have transformed from preparing for the home to the next level of preparing our students to move into outstanding FACS careers right out of high school or enroll in post-secondary program that prepare them for additional FACS careers. These FACS careers prepare students for industry and public service. Careers that are infused with STEM that were first introduced in our FACS classrooms by highly qualified educators. I challenge you as FACS educators to submit more news articles to your local newspapers and social media about family and consumer sciences. We do great work that many times goes unseen and appreciated. When our stakeholders truly see the work we are doing, they are amazed and step forward to support our programs!

International School Meals Day, March 3, 2016

Since March 2013, schools across the world have celebrated International School Meals Day. This annual event celebrates food and promotes healthy living through the education environment. The fourth International School Meals Day theme is fresh and healthy local foods. Schools, organizations, government bodies, catering companies and anyone with an interest or involvement in promoting healthy eating are encouraged to get involved. [Learn more here.](#)

About Olive Oil Website by The North American Olive Oil Association

The North American Olive Oil Association (NAOOA) celebrates the health and versatility of all types of olive oil for all consumers in North America. Over thousands of years, olive oil has been a subject of passion and intrigue and has even played a leading role in classic American movies! Go to their website (www.AboutOliveOil.org) to see their section on educational materials and learn about its place in our foodservice classrooms. One of the most interesting links is their Olive Oil Blog. Some of the topics covered:

- Olive Oil versus Coconut Oil for your Heart
- Butter to Olive Oil Conversion Chart
- Olive Oil Brownies
- And more!

America Saves Week – February 22 – 27, 2016

America Saves Week is coordinated by [America Saves](#) and the [American Savings Education Council](#). Started in 2007, the Week is an annual opportunity for organizations to promote good savings behavior and a chance for individuals to assess their own saving status. Typically thousands of organizations participate in the Week, reaching millions of people. To get your school or classroom involved, more information and resources (including a high school toolkit) are available here: <http://americasavesweek.org/academic-institutions/>.

School Report Cards Now Available Online

The Career and Technical Education Department has been working on new ways to keep Montana's schools updated, and one of the latest ways we are doing so is by adding a new tab called Report Cards on the Secondary CTE page of the OPI website. This Report Cards tab allows schools to view their individual 'Report Card' as well as 'Report Cards' by Class Size and CIP. Schools can also view the Montana State Report Card. The Report Cards are created from data collected from AIM. The direct link to the Report Cards can be found here: http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_12

The Perkins Core Indicators as well as explanations and Threshold Targets for each indicator are available. The state goals for each core indicator are determined by the United States Department of Education. Schools receiving Carl D. Perkins funding, are required to meet at least 90 percent of the state adjusted level of performance for any of the core indicators of

performance. If you have any questions about the report cards, please contact Christy Hendricks, CTE/Perkins Data Control Specialist, at 406.444.9019 or email her at: chendricks@mt.gov.

The Dibble Institute - Free Movie Discussion Guides

(from The Dibble Institute)

We have a FREE gift for you! In-depth movie discussion guides that will help you have rich discussions with your young people about relationships using current and classic movies. Movies can help students see the complexities and joys of a wide variety of relationships, including friendships and family, infatuations and first romances, enduring commitments and marriage. Discussing movies helps young people connect ideas in film to choices in real life.

Dibble movie guides help unpack important concepts, empower youth to learn what “healthy” looks like, and help young people understand why family formation matters. Visit the website to download them: <http://www.dibbleinstitute.org/movie-guides>

Tips for Teachers in Missoula June 13 – 17

Missoula College has announced their plans for their annual professional development Tips for Teachers culinary class for FCS teachers through their Outreach Department focusing on Nutritional Cooking. Enjoy 5 delicious days of classroom instruction and kitchen practice provided by Missoula College's renowned instructors, Chef Aimee Elliott and Chef Thomas Campbell. Review basic nutrition concepts, design delicious, attractive menus, select, store and prepare ingredients, and discuss contemporary nutrition issues. The cost is \$475 for the class, and it will take place June 13 – 17, 2016 at Missoula College. The registration deadline is April 25 (with payment required); class is limited to 20 students (they will keep a waitlist if it fills). Earn 40 renewal units (at no cost) or 2 undergraduate credits for an additional fee of \$135. For more information and the registration forms, please visit: <http://mc.umt.edu/outreach/>. All questions regarding the course should be directed to: Mickey Lyngholm, Workforce Navigator at Missoula College, and 406.243.7879 (office) or mickey.lyngholm@umontana.edu.

Youth Serve Montana Scholarships

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship promotes volunteerism among high school students, encourages young leaders to further their learning, and provides tuition assistance for Montana students who wish to attend college in state. It recognizes high school and home school senior students for volunteering 100 hours or more. Up to 100 students will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Scholarship funds are made available through support from Student Assistance Foundation and Montana Campus Compact. The scholarships are administered by the Governor's Office of Community Service. Scholarship applications are due April 15th, 2016. To apply, visit serve.mt.gov/youth-servemontana.



Thought of the Day

"The main ingredient of stardom is the rest of the team."

~John Wooden, basketball player and coach

Calendar of Events

February 24, 2016: [Montana Financial Education Coalition Annual Conference](#), Helena, MT

March 7 – 8, 2016: [Montana High School Baking Invitational & ProStart Invitational](#), Bozeman, MT

March 20 – 22, 2016: [Montana FCCLA State Leadership Conference](#), Billings, MT

March 30 – April 2, 2016: [27th Annual National Service Learning Conference](#), Minneapolis, MN

April 20 – 22, 2016: Montana Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (MAFCS) Annual Conference, Havre, MT

April 21 – 23, 2016: ACTE Region V Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA

June 22 – 25, 2016: AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo, Bellevue, WA

June 23 – 25, 2016: [CAFÉ Leadership Conference](#), Chicago, IL

July 3 – 7, 2016: FCCLA National Leadership Conference, San Diego, CA

September 22 – 23, 2016: Montana Farm to School Summit, Bozeman, MT

October 12 – 15, 2016: CDA [Early Educators Leadership Conference](#), Leesburg, VA

Facebook Group Links

Please click on the link and ask to be added for some great conversation & resources:

- ✓ Montana FCS Educators Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/168470129878554/>
- ✓ Montana FCCLA Chapter Advisers Group:
<https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/248102661886036/>

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